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The Japanese document 10-40388 is discussed at pages 1, 2, 11, 13 and 14 of the specification, and the U.S. patent is its English-Language counterpart. The Japanese document 5-324805 is discussed at pages 1, 2, 11, and 13 of the specification. The Japanese document 10-171926 is discussed at pages 1, 2, 11, 13 and 14 of the specification, and the European patent is its English-Language counterpart. The Japanese document 5-197812 is

discussed at pages 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 of the specification. The Japanese document 7-37095 is discussed at pages 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 of the specification. The Japanese document 6-309465 is discussed at pages 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 of the specification. The Japanese document 1-295376 is discussed at page 28 of the specification.

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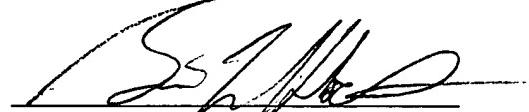
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